

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 1/26/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Eric Wier, Environmental Resource Specialist (805) 788-2766	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution approving the Geneseo Road Bridge at Huerhuero Creek Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and directing staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 5.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the Geneseo Road Bridge at Huerhuero Creek Project and the affiliated Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and 2. Direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities, including but not limited to: acquisition of environmental regulatory permits, project right of way, and preparation of the final project plans and specifications. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal Highway Bridge Program, Federal Bridge Toll Credits, Road Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$548,820	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: 2/4/14, #8	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 5			

Reference: 16JAN26-C-3

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Eric Wier, Environmental Resource Specialist

Matt Reinhart, Project Manager

VIA: Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Division Manager

Dave Flynn, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 1/26/2016

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the Geneseo Road Bridge at Huerhuero Creek Project and the affiliated Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
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DISCUSSION

The project site is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Creston Road, southeast of the City of Paso Robles. Implementation of the proposed project will replace an existing low water crossing on Geneseo Road at Huerhuero Creek with a new 200 foot long bridge. The low water crossing has been rebuilt several times and has proven difficult for our road crews to maintain. The new bridge will consist of a multi-span reinforced concrete slab with a clear deck width of 32 feet to accommodate four-foot shoulders and 12-foot lanes. The project will result in the disturbance of approximately 3.3 acres. Geneseo Road will be closed to through traffic during construction. Staging will occur within the existing road right of way. The project is being advanced under the Federal Highway Bridge Program which provides for replacement of low water crossings.

As required by CEQA, all discretionary projects carried out by the County Public Works Department are reviewed to identify, avoid, reduce, and mitigate any potential environmental impacts. The Initial

Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project was prepared by the County Public Works Department Environmental Division Staff, with review and approval by the Environmental Coordinator of the County Department of Planning and Building. The Environmental Coordinator found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of suitable mitigation measures that are designed to avoid and/or reduce all possible project-related impacts to insignificant levels.

Impacts and appropriate mitigation measures are identified in the following issue areas of the Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project: Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, and Hazardous Materials. Mitigation measures associated with the project include: ensuring access for agricultural operations during construction, implementing standard vehicle emissions and dust control, preconstruction surveys for special status species, worker environmental awareness training, restricted re-fueling areas, use of suitable Best Management Practices, San Joaquin kit fox protection measures, and hazardous waste handling and disposal measures.

Depending on the time table to acquire right of way and regulatory permits for the project, construction may begin as early as 2017 but may extend out to 2018.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Prior to commencement of an Initial Study, other potentially affected local, state, and federal agencies are notified of a proposed project. The County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has reviewed the project description and requested that access be maintained for agricultural operations, that temporary staging be located off of agricultural land where feasible and that dust control measures be implemented. The County Air Pollution Control District recommended standard measures to limit dust and emissions from internal combustion engines. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and County Fire Department, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife were also noticed of the project through the referral process. All of the recommendations received from these agencies have been incorporated into the Initial Study.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed for public comment in a local newspaper and circulated to various state and resource agencies through the State Clearinghouse. The minimum 30-day review period for the project ended December 11, 2015. No comments were received.

The Creston Advisory Board, Linne Community Service District Board and adjoining properties have been advised of the project, the environmental document and this action before your Board.

Prior to the commencement of work within the stream bed and banks, a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Section 404 Authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Section 401 Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board must be secured.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no cost associated with adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

This project is a multi-year project budgeted in Road Fund for FY 2015-16 – WBS 300387 in the amount of \$548,820. Funding for this project will be from the Federal Highway Bridge Program, Federal Bridge Toll Credits and the Road Fund.

The final estimated cost to construct the bridge replacement is yet to be determined but will likely exceed \$2 million. Subsequent phases to the project will occur over the next one to two years and once those costs are known, we will return to the Board with a budget adjustment, if necessary.

RESULTS

Approval of the project and adoption of the Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration will complete the CEQA review phase of the compliance process and will allow the project to move forward into the environmental permitting phase. Implementation of this project will address ongoing maintenance and safety concerns, thereby contributing to a safe and prosperous community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Resolution Approving the Geneseo Road Bridge at Huerhuero Creek Project, Adopting the Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act

c: Eric Wier, Environmental Resource Specialist

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